

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant's information disclosure statement of 10/16/09 has been fully considered by the Examiner. The information disclosure statement consists of an Office action for case 11/578,541. Specifically, the information disclosure statement of 10/16/09 cites a Final rejection for case 11/578,541, which was mailed on 5/15/09. The prior art references cited in the Final rejection are not believed to be applicable to the instant claim. Specifically, the prior art references cited in the Final rejection are:

- (1) Simonnet (US Pat. 6,120,778)
- (2) Simonnet et al. (US Pat. 5,919,487)
- (3) Tsubaki et al. (US Pat. 5,472,686), and
- (4) Simonnet et al. (US Pat. 5,958,433).

References (1)-(3) are included on an attached PTO-892 form. Reference (4) is already of record (cited on Applicants information disclosure statement of 3/6/08).

None of the above prior art references teach or fairly suggest the structural limitations of the silicone polyether copolymer required by the instant claim. Specifically, all of the Simonnet patents do not teach that "x" be an integer of from 251-1,000. The highest value of "x" taught by Simonnet is 200. Tsubaki et al. does not teach the structures of instant claim 1 at all, but rather, Tsubaki et al. teaches silicone-polyether block copolymers, and not silicone-polyethers having the polyether moieties as pendant groups.

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